



GMM Summer Summit June 18, 2015

Location: Holiday Inn, Bozeman Montana

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7:45a	Registration Opens Complimentary coffee, tea and sweet breads
8:15a – 9:00a	Breakfast Roundtable Discussions Start your day in good conversation as practitioners engage small groups in an informal discussion of their work, strategies and lessons learned. There will be two rounds of discussion. Topics include: Sustaining Community Partnerships; Youth Voice; Working with Homeless Students; Using the HiSet (formally the GED); Peer to Peer Tutoring; and Credit Recovery Strategies.
9:00a – 9:30a	Welcome <i>State Superintendent Denise Juneau</i> Overview of the Day & Recent Key Learnings <i>Deborah Halliday</i>
9:30a – 10:15a	Table Talk The tagline of GMM is <i>Locally designed, locally implemented based on what works in Montana</i> . GMM teams will have time to share rich conversation with other communities about what's working, and what more can be accomplished, together.
15 minute	Break
10:30a - Noon	GMM Workshop Suite I <i>Choose one:</i> 1. Empowering Student Voice <i>Donnie Wetzel, OPI – student track workshop</i> Local GMM teams who have truly engaged students in the discussion of challenges and solutions have seen real progress in their efforts. Learn the framework and strategies that can lead to authentic, meaningful student voice, especially for students who have traditionally been left out of the dialog. 2. GMM 101 <i>Kim Lorengo, GM Anaconda & Deb Halliday, OPI</i> Join this hands-on introductory overview of the GMM framework. Participants will walk through each component (build a team – know your data – implement practices – promote) and have time to build their own plans. Recommended for new GMM communities and new team members of existing GMM communities. 3. Lighting the Marketing Spark to Build a Grad Matters Fire <i>Christina Capriato & Kim Skornogowski, United Way Cascade County</i> The 4th step of GMM is to <i>promote, promote, promote</i> the good work, progress and opportunity to join local GMM efforts. Learn from two of the savviest communications practitioners we know about how to use creative, affordable media campaigns to build awareness and support for your GMM efforts.
15 minute	Break
12:15p – 1:15p	GMM Luncheon <i>Keynote – Cecelia Leong, Associate Director - Attendance Works</i> Nationally acclaimed Attendance Works leader Cecelia Leong will present on strategic approaches to combat chronic absenteeism, using Montana examples. Student Luncheon – <i>Tom Moore & Michelle Mitchel of Great Falls Public Schools & Donnie Wetzel of OPI</i> - Students will interact and network to find out what their districts are doing with Graduation Matters and attendance programs. Plus, have some fun with music and “Just Dance” videos.
15 minute	Break

1:30p – 3:00p	<p>GMM Workshop Suite II <i>Choose one:</i></p> <p>1. “Relationships move at the speed of trust” <i>Michelle Mitchell, GM Great Falls Indian Ed and Laura Sundheim, GM Hardin – student track workshop</i> School practitioners will describe their strategies to connect with struggling students and families through innovative outreach and programming. Ample time is given for participants to share successes and challenges.</p> <p>2. Moving Beyond the Buy-In <i>Lynne Scalia, GM Livingston & Laurie Bishop, GMM Coach</i> The 1st step of GMM is to build a team of school staff, students, local businesses and community organizations and agencies. But what do you do once they are on board? Learn how GMM communities are meaningfully partnering with schools to help support student success over the long haul. Ample time is given for participants to share successes and challenges. This session will include time to work as a team, thus we recommend at least two team members attend.</p> <p>3. The Power of Positive Connections: Reducing Chronic Absence and Increasing Student Success <i>Cecelia Leong, Attendance Works</i> What does it take to reduce chronic absence? This workshop helps participants begin to create a set of tiered interventions to reduce chronic absence. This workshop covers the Attendance Works PEOPLE strategy and focuses on Tier 1 universal strategies and using student-level chronic absence data to target Tier 2 interventions. This workshop provides free resources to help you calculate which students are chronically absent in your school, start a caring conversation with parents and youth on this important issue and explore targeted supports for students who are off track.</p>
15 minute	Break
3:15p 3:45p	Closing Plenary <i>State Superintendent Denise Juneau</i>
4:30p – 5:30p	<p>Grad Talks</p> <p>Join us for a fast-moving, energizing series of short talks on effective strategies from Graduation Matters students and communities. Event held in the MSU Ballroom as part of the MBI Summer Institute’s evening events. Transportation to campus will be provided courtesy of OPI.</p>